THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Orissa Power Generation Corporation had received an offer from a consortium comprising M/s. Bechtel International, USA and M/s. Combustion Engineering, USA for the implementation of the Ib Valley Thermal Power Project Stage-II Units 3 & 4 (2x210 MW). While M/s. Bechtel International, USA were reported to have withdrawn their offer subsequently, M/s. Combustion Engineering, USA had expressed their willingness to arrange financing as well as to take up turn-key responsibility for the implementation of the said project. The State authorities have, however, decided to implement the project with external funding from multilateral agencies such as World Bank/OECF.

Reinduction of A-320 aircraft due to heavy pressure from Airbus Industries

*91. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted all the recommendations of the Ramdas Committee regarding A-320 aircraft, if so, what modifications have been carried out to improve the safety in operation and maintenance of the aircraft;

(b) what was the total loss suffered by Indian Airlines on account of the grounding of the Airbus and whether it is a fact that A-320 aircraft were reinducted because of a heavy pressure from the Airbus Industries, France and other concerned parties, if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many Members of the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association did not attend the refersher course organised by the Indian Airlines at Hyderabad, recently. if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the reasons for suspending the Airbus A-320 flights once again?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee for the safe operation of A-320 aircraft. Copies of the report have been placed in the Parliament Library. Indian Airlines is taking necessary steps and is fully geared to implement the recommendations of the Committee.

(b) On certain assumptions, the loss by way of reduction in cash surplus due to non-operation of A-320 fleet is estimated to be of the order of Rs. 60 crores for the period upto 31.7.1990. There is no pressure from any quarter for operation of A-320 aircraft.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Airbus A-320 operations are yet to be resumed.

टिस्को खानों में कोयले के ग्रेड को निम्न कोटि का आंक कर करों व रायल्टी का अपवंचन

*92. **श्री राम अवधेश सिंह** : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि टिस्को प्रबन्ध द्वारा संचालित वैस्ट बोकारो और धनबाद के जामा डोबा कोयला खानों में "ए", "बी", और "सी" ग्रेड के उच्च कोटि के कोयले को "ई" और "एफ" ग्रेड के कोयले के रूप में आंक कर और उसे "अस्वीकृत" दर्शाकर सरकारी करों और रायल्टी का अपवंचन किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस मामले की जांच केन्द्रीय सरकार की कुछ जांच एजेंसियों द्वारा कराने का विचार रखती है ; और